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Subject:

South Delta Improvements Program

Dear Ms. McHale and Mr. Marshall:

Kern-Tulare Water District has reviewed the draft EIS/EIR for the South Delta Improvements Program and finds it to provide an adequate evaluation of environmental impacts. We consider the Program to be beneficial and important in effectively managing water supplies in the delta.

We recognize that DWR has worked hard to develop this EIS/EIR for the South Delta Improvements Program and respectfully urge DWR to certify the EIS/EIR and move forward to implement the Program.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Dalke General Manager